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trader, received this letter two years after the explorations of James Needham.

The endorsement, which is in a handwriting different from the body of the letter, was not made in 1675, for William Byrd was at that time only captain; he is called colonel for the first time in 1680. A guess as to the manner of the entry of this letter into the manuscripts of the Duke of Portland may be hazarded. William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, a diligent collector of information about western America, was correspondent of Robert Harley, a member of the family whose manuscripts are preserved at Welbeck Abbey. Colonel Byrd probably sent a copy to William Penn who passed it on to his correspondent.

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## AMERICAN MIDDLE TEMPLARS

THE claim that "the Society of the Middle Temple took a leading part in the birth of the American nation" through the number of members who were concerned in the settlement of Virginia has received general recognition. Toward the end of the seventeenth century began a reciprocal movement of young Americans returning to study at the Middle Temple. It has been estimated that "Probably from twenty-five to fifty American-born lawyers had been educated in England prior to 1760";2 and it has been stated that 115 Americans were admitted to the Inns from 1760 to the close of the Revolution. Before the year 1760 the description of the parentage of seventy students upon the books of the Middle Temple shows that they had come across the seas. Although the Middle Templars formed the majority of those who entered at the Inns, the names of a few Americans may be found at the other Inns of Court. One hundred and fifty joined the Middle Temple and the stream of Americans reached its height in the middle of the eighteenth century. Of that period there is an admirable record in a volume known as Master Worsley's Book<sup>3</sup> prepared under the direction of the treasurer, "the principal and supream officer", of that name.

<sup>10</sup> Bassett, The Writings of Colonel William Byrd of Westover in Virginia Esqr., p. xix. Captain in 1677, Journals of the House of Burgesses, 1659–1693, p. 84.

<sup>1</sup> C. E. A. Bedwell, Brief History of the Middle Temple, pp. 32-50, where some of the evidence in support is collected.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> C. Warren, History of the American Bar, p. 188, referring to C. J. Stillé, Life and Times of John Dickinson.

<sup>3</sup> Master Worsley's Book on the History and Constitution of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, ed. A. R. Ingpen (London, 1910).

description of the internal management of the Inn may be supplemented by Sir William Blackstone's account of the course of study at the same period.4 Although the American students may not have gained that kind of legal knowledge which is considered essential at the present day on both sides of the Atlantic as a training for the practice of the law, they acquired an understanding of men and of principles which were of inestimable value in their after lives. sufficient to glance down the following list of names to note how many afterwards attained positions of eminence in laying the foundations of constitutional government and sound administration of justice. It includes five signatories of the Declaration of Independ-There are the four representatives of South Carolina, Edward Rutledge, afterwards governor, Thomas Lynch, jr., Thomas Heyward, ir., afterwards a judge, and Arthur Middleton who declined the post of governor, and one of the Delaware representatives, Thomas McKean, afterwards chief justice and governor of Pennsylvania. An examination of two other important constitutional documents-the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution itself-signed by representatives of the states, furnishes an equally interesting result.

Joseph Reed was one of the representatives of Pennsylvania, who, when he signed the Articles of Confederation, had lately declined the chief-justiceship of his state and soon after became president of its supreme executive council. Thomas McKean had as one of his colleagues in the representation of Delaware John Dickinson, the "Pennsylvania Farmer", who afterward, as delegate from Pennsylvania, signed also the Constitution. John Banister, and John Mathews, afterward governor of South Carolina and chancellor of its court of equity, signed on behalf, respectively, of Virginia and South Carolina.

Among the Middle Temple signers of the Constitution was the senior representative of New Jersey and first governor of the state, William Livingston. They included also Jared Ingersoll, afterwards twice attorney general of Pennsylvania, and a Philadelphia judge, John Blair, who had been president of the court of appeals of Virginia and became a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and three out of four signatories on behalf of South Carolina. One was John Rutledge, eldest brother of Edward, who had been called to the bar at the Middle Temple in 1760. After a brilliant career as an advocate and statesman he had been governor, chancellor, and chief justice of his state, and was nominated by

<sup>4</sup> Commentaries, I. 31-32.

Washington to be second chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. The other two were Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, the most distinguished member of a family noted in the history of the state, who was afterwards United States minister to France, and Charles Pinckney, United States minister to Spain and four times governor of his state.

There is hardly a name in the list which might not be accompanied by a note of interest, but space precludes a further examination of it in detail. It may well be that one day a little volume may be compiled of Notable American Middle Templars, in which it would be necessary to include those Americans who in recent years, either honoris causa or as ordinary students, have become members of the Inn, including the late Mr. Joseph Choate and the present ambassador at the court of St. James.

The date at the beginning of each entry extracted from the records of the society is that of the young American's admission thereto; in case he was called to the bar the date of that vote is also given.

C. E. A. Bedwell.<sup>5</sup>

1681 June 22. William Wharton, son and heir of Richard W. of Boston, New England, esq., called 14 May, 1686.

1692 Oct. 18. Benjamin Lynde, third son of Simon L. of Boston, New England, merchant, called 22 Nov., 1695.

1697 Oct. 18. Benjamin Harrison, son and heir of Benjamin H. of Virginia in America, merchant.

1705-6 Feb. 11. William Dudley, second son of Joseph D. of New England, America, esq.

1706 Nov. 7. Robert Livingstone, third son of Robert L. of New York, America, merchant.

1713 Apr. 30. John Carter, son and heir of Robert C. of Virginia, in America, esq., called 27 May, 1720.

1717 Nov. 26. Robert Johnston [afterwards took the name of Ketelbey] second son of Gideon J., S.T.D., Commisary of Carolina, decd, called 15 May, 1724.

1717-18 Jan. 24. James Trent, son and heir of William T. of Philadelphia, Pensilvania, merchant.

1719 May 13. Richard Lee, son and heir of Philip L. of the colony of Maryland, merchant.

Nov. 5. Robert Beverly, only son of Harry B. of Urbannia [Urbanna], Virginia, esq.

1719-20 Mar. 15. Antony Palmer, second son of Antony P. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, America, merchant, called 11 Feb., 1726.

1720 Aug. 24. William Allen, second son of William A. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, merchant.

1721 June 23. Wilson Cary, son and heir of Miles C. of York River, in the county of Warwick, Virginia, gent., decd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> [Keeper of the Middle Temple Library. Ep.]

- 1722 Sep. 8. Beverley Whiting, son and heir of Henry W. of the colony of Virginia, esq.
  - " 8. Henry Fitzhugh, only son of William F. of Stafford, colony of Virginia, esq., decd.
- 1725 May 12. Joseph Murray, of New York, America, esq., son of Thomas M. of Queen's County, Ireland, gent., decd.
- 1727 May 16. Christopher Robinson, son and heir of Christopher R. of Middlesex county in Virginia, esq., decd.
- 1729 Sep. 6. Andrew Hamilton, second son of Andrew H. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, esq., called 24 Nov. 1732.
- 1729-30 Mar. 14. Jonathan Belcher, esq., second son of the Hon. John [Jonathan] B., Governor of New England [Massachusetts and New Hampshire] in America, called 24 May, 1734.
- 1731 May 3. John Chambers, son of —— C. of New York, America, gent.
- 1732-3 Feb. 2. Joseph Jekyll, third son of John J. of New England, America, esq., decd., called I June, 1739.
- Jul. 5. George Carter, youngest son of Robert C. of Virginia in America, esq., called 4 Nov., 1738.
  - Nov. 27. Thomas Elde, only son of Thomas E. of New York, America, gent., decd.
- 1739 Oct. 13. Peyton Randolph, second son of John R. of Virginia, America, knight, called 10 Feb., 1744.
- 1741-2 Mar. 16. Daniel Dulany, son and heir of Daniel D. of Maryland, America, esq., called 13 June, 1746.
- 1742 Oct. 29. William Burnett, youngest son of William B., esq., decd., of New York, America, Governor.
- 1742 Oct. 29. William Livingstone, son of Colonel Philip L. of New York, America, esq.
- 1743 Oct. 27. Benjamin Chew, son and heir of Samuel C. of Pennsylvania, North America, esq.
- 1744 Nov. 2. Edward Shippen, only son of Edward S. of Philadelphia, America, merchant, called 9 Feb., 1750.
- 1744 Dec. 15. Thomas Bordley, fourth son of Thomas B. of Maryland, America, esq., decd.
- 1745 Apr. 8. John Randolph, third son of John R. of the island of Virginia, America. knight, decd., called 9 Feb., 1750.
- 1746 Apr. 22. Thomas Child, esq., Attorney General to H.M. King George II. in North Carolina, America, youngest son of Richard C. of Lavenham, Suffolk, doctor of medicine, called 30 May, 1746.
  - Minute of Parliament,6 30 May, 1746.

Thomas Child Esquire admitted of this Society the 22nd of April last was propos'd to their Masterships the last Parliament in Easter Term by Sir John Strange for the calling him to the Barr at this Parliament, he being appointed Attorney General of North Carolina. Whereupon his Majesties command under his Royal Sign Manual to the Governour of the said Province was read bearing date the twenty eighth day of February one thousand seven hundred and forty five six, constituting and appointing the said Thomas Child his

<sup>6</sup> Meetings of the benchers, the governing body of the Middle Temple, were called parliaments.

Attorney General of his Province of North Carolina in America which being taken into consideration by their Masterships and that Mr. Childs residence and practice would be abroad. It is ordered that the said Mr. Child be called to the Degree of the Utter Barr.

Jan. 6. William Byrd, son and heir of William B. of Virginia

Island, America, esq., decd.

June 29. Phileman Hemsley, son and heir of William H. of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, esq., decd.

Oct. 6. William Drayton, eldest son of Thomas D. of South Carolina, esq., called 13 June, 1755.

Oct. 9. Henry Churchill, third son of Armstead C. of Virginia, America, esq., called 24 May, 1754.

1750-51 Feb. 11. William Franklin, son and heir of Benjamin F. of Philadelphia, America, called 10 Nov., 1758.

May 2. Joseph Jones, son and heir of James J. of Virginia, gent., decd., called 21 June, 1751.

Aug. 14. Thomson Mason, third son of George M. of Virginia in America, esq., called 22 Nov., 1754.

Oct. 19. Charles Carroll, eldest son of Charles C. of Anapolis, Maryland, America, M.D., called 22 Nov., 1754.

Dec. 2. Ryland Randolph, third son of Richard R. of Virginia, 1752 America, esq.

> 2. Robert Goldsborough, eldest son of Charles G. of Dorset, Maryland, esq., called 8 Feb., 1757.

Jan. 2. John Wilcox, eldest son of John W. of Urbanna, Middle-1753 sex, in Virginia, gent.

Feb. 17. John Hammond, second son of Philip H. of Severnhead, Anne Arundel, Maryland, America, esq., called 9 Feb., 1760.

May 25. David Graeme, of South Carolina, second son of William G., M.D.

June 2. John Blair, eldest son of John B. of York, Virginia. America, esq., called 20 May, 1757.

18. William Hicks, eldest son of Edward H. of Philadelphia, America, esq.

July 9. James Michie, eldest son of John M. of South Carolina, esq.

Sep. 27. John Banister, eldest son of John B. of Dinwiddie, Vir-1753 ginia, America, esq.

Nov. 6. Robert Mackenzie, only son of Kenneth M. of Surrey, Virginia, America, esq.

Dec. 21. John Dickinson, second son of Samuel D. of Delaware, Kent, Pennsylvania, America, called 8 Feb., 1757.

Jan. 1. Carter Henry Harrison, second son of Benjamin H. of 1754 Berkley, Charles City, Virginia, America, esq.

May 28. Cornelius Low, second son of Cornelius L. of New Jersey, America, merchant.

Oct. 11. John Rutledge, son and heir of John R. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., called 9 Feb., 1760.

Nov. 20. John Mackenzie, son and heir of William M. of South Carolina, esq., called 29 June, 1759.

21. John Ambler, second son of Richard A. of Virginia, esq., called 28 Jan., 1757.

Dec. 3. James Hollyday, eldest son of the Hon. James H. of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, esq., decd.

25. John Morris, eldest son of Samuel M. of Philadelphia, America, esq.

Dec. 31. Robert Bolling, sixth son of John B. of Cobbs, Chester-1755 field, Virginia, America, esq.

Jan. 17. Ralph Peters, of Platbridge, near Wigan, Lancashire, 1756 eldest son of William P. of Philadelphia, America, esq., called 25 Nov., 1757.

Feb. 11. Gawen Corbin, eldest son of Richard C. of Kings and Queen's County, Virginia, America, esq., called 23 Jan., 1761. Feb. 24. Philip Thomas Lee, son of Richard L. of Charles

1756 County, Maryland, America, esq., called 10 Feb., 1764.

Jan. 5. Robert Beverley, only son of William B. of Blandfield, 1757 Essex, Virginia, America, esq., decd., called 6 Feb., 1761.

Apr. 14. Arthur Middleton, eldest son of Henry M. of South Carolina, America, esq.

Nov. 11. John Brice, eldest son of John B. of Annapolis, Maryland, America, esq.

May 9. Thomas McKean, son of William McK. of Chester, 1758 Pennsylvania, America.

July 12. Joshua Ward, second son of John W. of Charlestown, 1759 South Carolina, gent., decd.

Aug. 6. Andrew Allen, second son of William A. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, America, esq.

6. James Allen, third son of William A. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, America, esq.

Nov. 30. Edmund Key, sixth son of Philip K. of St. Mary's County, Maryland, America, esq.

Dec. 18. Alexander Lawson, only son of Alexander L. of Baltimore County, Maryland, America, esq.

Sep. 25. William Fauntleroy, eldest son of William F. of Essex 1760 County, Virginia, America, esq.

Jan. 9. Walter Livingston, second son of Robert L. of New 1761 York, North America.

> Robert Livingston, third son of Robert L. of New York, North America, esq.

Oct. 14. Lloyd Dulany, fourth son of Daniel D. of Anne Arun-1761 del, Maryland, America, esq., decd.

Aug. 3. Jasper Yates, second son of Jasper Y. of Philadelphia, 1762 Pennsylvania, America, esq.

May 14. Gabriel Cathcart, only son of William C. of Roanoke, 1763 North Carolina, esq.

Dec. 16. Nicholas Waln, second son of Nicholas W. of Philadelphia, America, gent., decd.

16. Joseph Reed, eldest son of Andrew R. of Trenton, Hunterdon, New Jersey, America, esq.

Jan. 23. William Hamilton, second son of Andrew H. of Philadelphia, America, esq., decd.

24. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, eldest son of Charles P. of Charlestown, South Carolina, esq., decd., called 27 Jan., 1769.

Oct. 27. John Matthews, only son of John M. of South Carolina, America, esq., decd.

- 1765 Jan. 10. Thomas Hayward [Heyward], eldest son of Daniel H. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., called 25 May, 1770.
  - June 19. James Wright, second son of James W. esq. of Georgia, governor, called 27 Nov., 1772.
    - "28. Hugh Rutledge, son of John R. of Charlestown, South Carolina, esq., decd.
  - July 2. Alexander Harvey, eldest son of William H. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.
- 1766 Feb. 6. Henry Yonge, eldest son of Henry Y. of Georgia, America, esq.
- 1767 Jan. 12. Edward Rutledge, fifth son of John R. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., decd., called 3 July, 1772.
  - Feb. 17. Paul Trapier, only son of Paul T. of George Town, South Carolina, America, esq.
  - Mar. 6. Thomas Lynch, only son of Thomas L. of Charles Town, South Carolina, America, esq.
  - Nov. 17. Gustavus Scott, eldest son of the Rev. James S. of Prince William's County, Virginia, America, clergyman, called 27 Nov., 1772.
- 1768 Sep. 29. Alexander Moultrie, youngest son of John M. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.
  - Oct. 4. Richard Shubrick, eldest son of James S. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, arm.
    - " 6. Philip Neyle, only son of Samson N. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., called 26 Nov., 1773.
  - Dec. 16. Thomas Pinckney, second son of Charles P. of South Carolina, America, esq., decd., called 25 Nov., 1774.
    - " 23. James Peronneau, fourth son of Henry P. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., decd.
- 1769 Jan. 2. William Oliphant, eldest son of David O. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.
  - " 7. John Fashreaud [Faucheraud] Grimke, son and heir of John Paul G. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.
  - " 18. Henry Lee Ball, eldest son of William B. of Lancaster County, Province of Virginia, America, arm.
- 1769 July 15. Richard Tilghman, second son of James T. of Philadelphia, America, esq.
- 1770 Nov. 8. Daniel Dulany, son and heir of Walter D. of Maryland, America, esq.
- 1771 Apr. 15. Phineas Bond, only son of Phineas B. of Philadelphia, America, doctor of Medicine, called 18 June, 1779.
  - Minute of Parliament 5 May, 1797.

A letter having been read by the Under Treasurer which he lately received from Phineas Bond, Esquire, a barrister of this Society and His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Philadelphia (in answer to one which the Under Treasurer some time since sent to Mr. Bond as surety for Mr. Rawle and Mr. Chew) stating that upon conversing with those gentlemen who resided at philadelphia he found they never had any intention of being called to the bar in England nor would that measure have been practicable as they could not in the state of alienage in which they stood have taken the oath of allegiance to the Crown and that they were merely admitted of the So-

ciety for the purpose of deriving that benefit from an intercourse with professional men to which an induction into an Inn of Court naturally introduced them, and that when they left England they presumed they ceased to be members and all duties were at an end. That having the most implicit reliance in the candor and equity of the Benchers they would be completely governed by their decision. Ordered that Mr. Bond be informed that according to the usage of the Society their arrears should be paid and that their accounts shall be suspended upon their paying duties up to the present time and that their bonds will be cancelled upon their signifying it to be their wish in writing.

1771 May 3. Walter Aitchison, son and heir of William A. of Virginia, America, merchant.

" 31. Cyrus Griffin, sixth son of Le Roy G. of Virginia, America, esq., decd.

1772 May 25. William Ward Burrows, son and heir of William B. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

June 10. William Heyward, third son of Daniel H. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

' 24. Edward Tilghman, eldest son of Edward T. of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, America, esq.

1772 Sep. 16. John Laurens, son and heir of Henry L. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

1773 Jan. 13. Henry Lee, eldest son of Henry L. of Lee-Sylvania, [Prince] William County, Virginia, America, esq.

May 1. Richard Beresford, eldest son of Richard B. of South Carolina, America, decd., esq.

" 4. Charles Pinckney, eldest son of Charles P. of Charlestown, South Carolina, esq.

" 14. Nicholas Maccubbin, eldest son of Nicholas M. of Annapolis, Maryland, America, esq.

June 28. Thomas Shubrick, second son of Thomas S. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

July 16. Jared Ingersoll, only son of Jared I. of Philadelphia, America, esq.

" 31. Henry Nicholes, second son of Isaac N. of St. Paul's Parish, South Carolina, America, esq., deed.

" 31. John Pringle, eldest son of Robert P. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

Sep. 29. Joseph Ball Downman, eldest son of Rawleigh D. of Virginia, America, esq.

Nov. 15. Arthur Lee (admitted to Lincoln's Inn, 1 March 1770) youngest son of the Hon. Thomas L. of Virginia, America, esq., called 5 May, 1775.

1774 Jan. 28. Moses Franks, second son of David F. of Philadelphia, America, esq., called 23 Nov., 1781.

Mar. 30. Benjamin Smith, son of Thomas S. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

1774 May 12. William Smith, eldest son of Benjamin S. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., decd.

Oct. 25. Robert Milligan, only son of George M. of Cecil County, Maryland, America, esq.

May 13. William Simpson, eldest son of James S. of Charles-1775 town, South Carolina, America, esq., called 26 May, 1786.

31. John Parker, eldest son of John P. of Goose Creek,

South Carolina, America, Esq.

31. Hext McCall, son of John M. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

Jan. 24. William Dummer Powell, son and heir of John P. of 1776 Boston, New England, America, esq., called 6 Feb., 1784.

Nov. 15. Charles Pryce, only son of Charles P., esq., Attorney

General in Georgia, America.

Nov. 14. James Simpson, esq., Attorney General, South Caro-1777 lina, eldest son of William S. of Georgia, America, Chief Justice, called 4 July, 1783.

1781 Feb. 15. William Roberts, eldest son of Humphrey R. of Virginia, esq., called 18 May, 1787.

June 4. James Smith, fourth son of Thomas S. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

Aug. 17. William Rawle, only son of Francis R. of Philadelphia, America, merchant, decd.

Sep. 6. Joseph Manigault, second son of Peter M. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., decd.

Oct. 25. Daniel Horry, eldest son of Daniel H. of Charlestown, 1781 South Carolina, America, esq.

June 28. Peter Porcher, second son of Philip P. of Charlestown, 1782 South Carolina, America, esq.

July 15. John Gaillard, eldest son of John G. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

15. Theodore Gaillard, second son of John G. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.

22. Archibald Young, eldest son of Benjamin Y. of Georgetown, South Carolina, America, esq.

Feb. 10. Thomas Simons, eldest son of Maurice S. of Charles-1783 town, South Carolina, North America, esq.

June 3. William Mazyck, eldest son of William M. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., decd.

Jan. 7. Benjamin Chew, only son of Benjamin C. of Philadel-1784 phia, America, esq. 13. John Saunders, eldest son of Jonathan S. of Virginia,

esq., decd., called 6 Feb., 1789.

Feb. 2. Philip Key, second son of Francis K. of Maryland,

America, esq., decd. Apr. 28. William Vans Murray, eldest son of Henry M. of

Maryland, America, doctor of medicine.

Jan. 12. John Leeds Bozman, only son of John B. of Maryland, 1785 America, esq.

14. Robert Alexander, second son of William A. of Richmond, America, esq.

1785 Apr. 22. George Boone Roupell, only son of George R. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq., called 4 June, 1790.

29. Henry Gibbes, second son of William G. of Charles-

town, South Carolina, America, esq.

- 1786 May 18. John Gaillard, second son of Theodore G. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.
  - Nov. 4. William Allen Deas, second son of John D. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.
    - Nov. 9. William Boyd, second son of George Boyd of Lowhayton, Essex, and Portsmouth, near Boston, America.
- 1787 Feb. 1. Miles Brewton Pinckney, third son of Charles P. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.
  - Apr. 27. Roger Pinckney, eldest son of Roger P. of South Carolina, America, esq., decd.
- 1793 Mar. 28. Henry Izard, eldest son of Ralph I. of Charlestown, South Carolina, America, esq.
- 1794 Sep. 16. James Edmund Houstoun, eldest son of James H. of Savannah, Georgia, America, doctor of medicine.
- 1796 July 20. Jonathan Perrie Coffin, esq. (admitted to the Inner Temple 23 May, 1788), fifth son of Nathaniel C. of Boston, America, esq., decd.
- 1804 March 15. Clement Simpson, only son of Jacob S. of Georgia, America, esq., decd.
- 1807 Apr. 23. Samuel Gordon, eldest son of Robert G. of Farrerin, Sligo, Ireland, and of Johnville, Abbeville, South Carolina, esq.
- 1808 Nov. 17. Jacob Shoemaker Waln, youngest son of Nicholas W. of Philadelphia, America, esq.
- 1836 Nov. 17. Alexander Palache, eldest son of Mordecai P. of New York, gent.

## THE NATIONAL TICKET OF BROOM AND COATES, 1852

To few specialists in American political history would "Broom and Coates" suggest the names of candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency. No mention of them is made in the standard books dealing with presidential elections, such as those of Stanwood and McKee, nor, so far as is known, in the more special works on political parties. The object of this note is to present such information respecting this long-forgotten ticket as was discovered in the course of a somewhat extensive research on the general subject of presidential elections.

On July 5-6, 1852, the Native American party, later more commonly known as the American, or Know-Nothing, party, held a national convention at Trenton, New Jersey, at which thirty-one delegates representing nine states—Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, and Georgia—were present. After adopting resolutions setting forth the principles of Americanism, and after changing the name of the party by dropping the word "native", the convention nominated Daniel Webster of Massachusetts for President, and George C. Washington of Montgomery County, Maryland, for Vice-President. The